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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action that was issued on July 13, 2004, in which the Examiner required restriction of pending Claims 1-58 under 35 U.S.C. § 121 ("the Restriction Requirement"). In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Claims 1-10 (i.e., Invention I as identified by the Examiner) with traverse. Applicant's reasons for traversing the Restriction Requirement are explained below.

Remarks

As an initial matter, Applicant would like to point out that Claims 20-58, which correspond to Inventions IV-VII as identified by the Examiner, were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment filed June 8, 2001. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and a date-stamped postcard indicating receipt of the Preliminary Amendment by the USPTO

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